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# Longport Town Topics

May 2003

## "Eggcellent" Adventure



Longport children scooped up brightly colored eggs and posed with the Easter Bunny at the Easter Egg Hunt held inside Borough Hall April 12th.



## Spring is in the air

There is no question that spring has arrived. Longport's summer residents are back home and the town is beginning to buzz with activity.

Events have been lined up for the summer and the beaches will soon be open. The smell of barbecues will be filling the air and children will be playing in the parks.

What are some of the events our residents can look forward to? One of our biggest events is the Annual Town Party. This fun-for-all

event will be on July 26th behind Borough Hall. Admittance to the event is by ticket only, and they sell out quickly.

The ticket includes food, beverages, music, cotton candy, pretzels, sno-cones and some special treats for children including pony rides, children's inflatable rides and face painting. Tickets will be for sale at Borough Hall for a cost of \$20 per adult and \$7.50 per child.

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## Ending with an affair to remember

The cold weather is behind us and so is Longport's Midwinter Luncheon 2003 program.

The final luncheon featured a St. Patrick's Day theme including traditional Irish food and music.

Many of our seniors arrived donning green clothing and some had a green carnation pinned on as they entered the Centennial Ballroom.

The event opened with a prayer by Monsignor Joseph Herron and Longport's

Allison Subranni sang the National Anthem and "Danny Boy."

Mayor Michael Cohen, Commissioner Bill Fiore and Commissioner John Murphy welcomed everyone to the last of the 2003 Midwinter Luncheon series.

The South Jersey Ceili Band then struck up a tune, as many excellent Irish step dancers weaved circles in the ballroom.

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The Midwinter Luncheon 2003 series ended with a St. Patrick's Day party on March 12th. The South Jersey Ceili Band performs above.

# Supporting one of our police officers in Iraq

Longport's Police Officer Joe Voli joined the ranks of our Armed Forces in what has been termed "Operation Iraqi Freedom" in early January of this year.

Even though he is miles away, Ptl. Voli still keeps contact with his fellow officers.

He recently sent a letter to keep in touch:

*Hey guys, what's going on? At the moment I am in*

*Kuwait at Camp Coyote, about 15 miles from the Iraqi border. When this thing kicks off we will move forward and across the border. Our main purpose now is convoy and Base security. When we move into Iraq we will be securing bridges and security for the engineers, as well as dealing with enemy prisoners of war. In the last two weeks on a couple of occasions we have had people take "pop shots" at us. When I say "us" I mean convoys and roaming patrols.*

*We have also learned that the M-16A2 Rifle is not the best weapon to*

*use in the middle of the desert because it jams when dirt gets inside of it, so therefore, we are on a daily basis cleaning them.*

*There is some interesting wild life out here. Such as snakes, lizards, wild dogs and rats the*

*size of German shepards.*

*The weather is about 85 to 90-degrees during the day, but will be get-*

*ting a lot hotter soon.*

*That's about it from here at the moment, what's new there? Anything good happen?*

*Mail is flowing pretty good, letters take about a week to 10 days to get, and packages/boxes take longer.*

*Oh well, take it easy and be safe, hope to hear from you. (February 25, 2003)*

The Borough of Longport supports all of the troops and wishes for a safe and speedy return of each and every one, including our Ptl. Voli.

Voli serves in the U.S. Marine Corps as a Lance Corporal in the 6th MTBN Heavy MTCO 2nd Platoon.



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United States Marine Lance Corporal Joseph Voli (second from left) inside a bunker during an air raid in Kuwait, March 20, 2003.

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Starting May 24th, the Longport Historical Society and Museum opens for the summer season on Saturdays from 9 am until noon. Here you can visit the museum and watch a video of the borough's past. Here one can find wonderful Longport memorabilia on display. The front "Porch" of the museum has a variety of items for sale including the Longport cookbook, T-shirts, sweatshirts and throws make great gifts.

Also beginning May 24th, our beaches will be opening for the summer season. Please see the summer events calendar for specific dates of various beach openings.

Please keep our beaches clean by not littering.

The usual summer events have been scheduled along with several newer events.

July 4th will feature the annual All American Mile run sponsored by the Longport Volunteer Fire Department, along with the Open House with the fire and police departments. July 4th will also feature an American Concert in the new back bay park at the Fiore Pavilion. The John A. Kuzmann Memorial American Legion Post 469 will also unveil and dedicate their new monument at noon, at the Krechmer Pavilion located at the foot of the John F. Kennedy Memorial Bridge.

Looking forward to seeing you at our many events. Happy summer!

## Notice of Pending Bond Ordinance

A capital bond and improvement ordinance authorizing the issuance of \$2,014,000 in bonds or notes was introduced on a first reading April 23rd.

The bond ordinance will finance part of the cost of the following: acquisition of vehicles including, but not limited to police sport utility vehicles and a 4x4 snow plow and salt spreader; acquisition of various equipment for public works, fire and police departments, furnishing in borough hall and 800 mhz radios for various departments; various improvements to the Longport Volunteer Fire Department building, phase five of the roadway and sewer project, municipal hall pier/park project, shore protection, municipal storm water projects and various drainage improvements throughout the borough.

The period of usefulness on the bonds and/or notes ranges from five to 15 years.

For more information, the full ordinance is posted on the bulletin board at Borough Hall and copies of the ordinance are available to the public. The final reading of the ordinance is scheduled for May 14, 2003 at 5 p.m inside Commission Chambers. Public discussion is encouraged.

## Irish

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In between courses, some participants decided to pose for a free Atlantic County photo identification card.

After dessert was served, courtesy of George Siganos, the Sunshine Boys began to play. In addition to all the Irish fare, there was a special addition of Chinese food provided by Fai's of Longport.

Bridget McLaughlin also supplied sweet treats of "Irish Potatoes" for everyone to take home.

The Borough would like to give a special thanks to all of the sponsors for making these free luncheons possible including: Premier Properties Real Estate Inc.,



Deputy Atlantic County Clerk Frank Borino takes photographs for identification cards.

Also to Peter of Fai's of Longport for his tasty donations and hlep.

After all the warm weather passes, our senior residents can look forward to the next installment of our Midwinter luncheon series beginning in December.

Siganos Management Inc., Seniors Management Inc., Thomas Subranni, Esq., Nancy Gilmore Philips Inc., and CBA Engineering.



Many of the town's seniors enjoyed the traditional Irish food and music.



Mayor Michael Cohen, Monsignor Joseph P. Herron, Commissioner John Murphy and Commissioner Bill Fiore welcomed everyone to the last luncheon in the 2003 program series.



Longport's resident Allison Subranni opened the event by singing the Star-Spangled Banner and "Danny Boy."



Irish dancers filled one corner of the room.





## Honoring all that have served and continue to serve America

The American Legion Post 469 John A. Kuzmann Memorial is anticipating the dedication of their new American Legion Monument at noon on July 4th at the Krechmer Pavilion. Although, there is one obstacle the Legion is looking for help to overcome. The group still needs donations in order to complete the new monument.

Those interested in making a donation may write a check to the John A. Kuzmann Memorial American Legion Post 469 and mail to: John A. Kuzmann Memorial American Legion Post 469, P.O. Box 441, Longport, NJ 08403.

Also the Legion will be holding its Memorial Day Parade at 11 a.m. May 26th at the Krechmer Pavilion. All are invited to attend the event and children are encouraged to participate in the event by walking or riding their bicycles. Hot dogs and soda will be served after the event.

## Crosswalk Safety- step with caution

New Jersey State law mandates that vehicles stop for pedestrians that are in a crosswalk. (N.J.S.A. 39:4-36)

However, pedestrians must be alert and extremely cautious when crossing streets. Not all motorists are familiar with New Jersey traffic regulations. Please look before you step.

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## Town Topics

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## A message from the Longport Building Dept.

### Do you need a building permit?

The warm weather is here again and for many this means working on home improvements inside and out.

Building a new deck? Pouring a new concrete sidewalk? Making adjustments or additions? You might need a building permit . . .



If you are unsure or have questions, please contact the building department by calling 823-2731 ext. 107, 108 or 109. Or stop by and visit the department located on the second floor of Borough Hall at 2305 Atlantic Ave., Longport, NJ 08403.

Richard Hirsch or Bruce Funk will be glad to answer any questions that you might have.

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